ResQPOD (October 2010)

Item:

 A brand of Inspiratory Impedance Device (ITD) used to enhance the changes in intrathoracic pressures during cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Classification:

- Advanced Life Support procedure
- Not specified in Basic Scope of Practice
- May be approved as Local Optional Skill

Use and Level:

- Not authorized for EMT or AEMT
- Authorized for EMT-P <u>only</u> if approved as a Local Optional Skill with an endotracheal tube in place.

Authority:

Section 100145 (2)(a) of the Paramedic Regulations (Chapter 4, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations). Subsection (2)(a) allows an EMT-Paramedic to perform or monitor procedures that are not named as part of Basic Scope of Practice. A Local Optional Skill must be deemed appropriate for paramedic use by the medical director of the local EMS Authority and has been approved by the Director of the Emergency Medical Services Authority. A paramedic must be trained and tested to demonstrate competence in performing the additional procedure.

Training:

As specified by local EMS Authority and Director of Emergency Medical Services Authority.

Equipment:

Must be used in conjunction with Endotracheal Intubation.

Medical Direction:

 Used in accordance with a protocol written and approved by the local EMS agency medical director (HS 1797.220).

Considerations and Recommendations:

 The Resuscitation Outcomes Consortia terminated investigation of the ResQPOD in November 2009 for futility.